



# Indian Health Service Year 2002 Profile

*Based on 1997-2002 data  
Numbers are approximate*

## □ The Indian Health Care System:

- **Indian Health Service (IHS) direct health care services**  
IHS services are administered through a decentralized system of 12 Area offices and 84 service units.
- **Tribally operated health care services**  
Tribal facilities are operated under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638, as amended), Titles I and V. There are 53 Title V compacts, funded through 72 Funding Agreements, with a total funding amount of approximately \$738 million. These compacts represent 272 tribes, almost half of all the federally recognized tribes. There are also approximately 265 tribes and tribal organizations that contract under Title I, with a total funding amount in excess of \$519 million. Overall, nearly 46% of the IHS FY 2002 appropriation is administered by tribes.
- **Urban health care services and resource centers**  
There are 34 urban projects, ranging from community health to comprehensive primary health care services.

## □ Population Served:

- Members of more than 560 federally recognized tribes in 35 States
- 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives residing on or near reservations
- 330,000 American Indians served in urban clinics

## □ Patient Services (*tribal and IHS facilities*):

- Inpatient Admissions: 67,000
- Outpatient visits: 6.7 million
- Dental visits: 2.1 million

## □ Appropriations:

- FY 2001 IHS budget appropriation: \$2.6 billion
- FY 2002 IHS budget appropriation: \$2.8 billion
- Per capita personal health care expenditures: IHS service population - \$1,404 U.S. population - \$3,766

## □ Third-party collections:

- FY 2001: \$477 million
- FY 2002: \$507 million (estimated).

## □ Human Resources: Total IHS employees: 15,006 (69% are Indian; Excluding medical professionals, 85% are Indian)

	All employees	Indian	Non-Indian	Physicians	Nurses	Dentists	Pharmacists	Engineers	Sanitarians
Comm. Corps	2,058	362	1,696	302	393	261	355	248	116
Civil service	12,948	9,938	3,010	648	2,294	58	69	103	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,006</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>148</b>
Health Professionals vacancy rates				10%	14%	22%	14%	7%	6%

## □ Facilities

	Hospitals	Health Centers	Alaska Village Clinics	Health Stations	Residential Treatment Centers
IHS	36	63	N/A	44	5
Tribal	13	158	170	79	28